MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Representations were received to increase the pay of the Koran teachers and as far as the departmental Koran teachers are concerned to make them pensionable. But I do not know whether representations have been made to make them equal to the pay of other teachers.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether the question of enhancement of their pay has been considered by the Government?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Recommendations have been made to Government and Government are considering them.

Office of the Assistant Inspector of Schools, District III.

132. ***MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received representations from the public of Vilavankod taluk praying that the office of the Assistant Inspector of Vernacular Schools, District III, at Kuzhittura, may not be shifted to Martandam;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they have taken any action on the same; and

(*c*) whether they are aware that the proposed shifting of the above office is inconvenient to the public as well as to the department concerned?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The office has not been shifted to Martandam.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

Public Health Department.

133. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many officers are employed now in the Public Health Department as officers specially qualified for the department;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Government intend newly appointing a special officer as the Head of the Department; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, whether the new officer is to be appointed from outside?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The question is not clear. If the member refers to officers having special qualifications obtained in Europe or America, then the number of such officers is four.

(*b*) and (*c*) The matter is under consideration.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether the claims of those four officers mentioned just now would be considered when the Head of the Department is newly appointed?

PRESIDENT: It is asking for opinion.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member if all these four officers are capable of being appointed as the head of the department ?

PRESIDENT : It is a matter of opinion.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know from the member whether the person proposed to be appointed possesses higher qualifications than those in the department ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The question has not been decided as to who should be appointed whether it should be a person from outside the State or from the State service itself.

The V. M. Schools for Girls in Nedumangad.

134. ✻**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state how many V. M. Schools for Girls there are in the Nedumangad taluk ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : One.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member whether that one school is held in a Govenment building ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : It is held in a rented building.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member why that school is held in a rented building ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : Because the Government building there collapsed.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member how long it is since the Government building collapsed ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : It collapsed about a year and a half ago. I believe, I gave a similar answer yesterday also.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member whether there is any proposal for reconstructing the building or erecting a new building ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : Yes; an estimate has been called for.

Article headed "A Warning to Cocoa Mat Buyers."

135. ✻**MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of an article published under the caption, " A Warning to Cocoa Mat Buyers " in The Carpet and Upholstery Trade Review and the Rug Trade Review of 15th January 1934 ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

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